

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, before line 6, the paragraph beginning with "The invention relates" insert the following title and paragraph:

-- PRIORITY CLAIM

This is a U.S. national stage of application No. PCT/EP03/03568, filed on 7 April 2003. Priority is claimed on that application and on the following application(s): Country: Germany, Application No.: 102 15 612.3, Filed: 9 April 2004.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention relates to an erasing and cleaning apparatus ~~of the generic type according to the precharacterizing clause of claim 1~~, also called an erasing station, for cleaning cylindrical surfaces, in particular of printing form and blanket cylinders within printing presses with the aid of a cleaning cloth which is prepackaged in a cassette and can be moved by cleaning cloth transport means. --

Page 1, before line 15, the paragraph beginning with "An erasing and cleaning", insert the following title:

-- 2. Description of the Prior Art --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 15, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- An erasing and cleaning apparatus of this type is known from the document DE 100 08 214 A1 U.S. Patent No. 6,649,879. --

Page 3, before line 1, the paragraph beginning with "It is on object", insert the following title:

-- **SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION** --

Page 3, before line 15, the paragraph beginning with "In the following", insert the following title and paragraph:

-- **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- In the following text, the invention is to be explained in greater detail using the drawing. In the associated figures, in diagrammatic form In the drawings wherein like reference characters denote similar elements throughout the several views:

fig. 1 shows the substantial is a perspective view of a cleaning cloth transport means which are is housed in an exchangeable cassette,

fig. 2 shows is a perspective view of the cassette according to of fig. 1 pushed into the a positioning unit which is fixed in the printing press,

fig. 3 shows is a perspective of the positioning unit of the erasing and cleaning apparatus according to the invention from fig. 2 in a perspective view which has been rotated by 90°,

fig. 4 shows is a perspective view of a coupling unit according to the invention for the positioning unit for accommodating a cassette,

fig. 5 shows a view is a perspective view of the coupling unit of Fig. 4 rotated by 180° compared with fig. 4, and

fig. 6 shows is a diagrammatic view of showing a comparison of the various positioning possibilities of the positioning unit for a cleaning cloth in the printing press. --

Page 4, before line 9, the paragraph beginning with "According to figure", insert the following title and paragraph:

-- **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS** --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- According to figure 1, the cleaning cloth transport means for one exemplary embodiment of the erasing and cleaning apparatus according to the invention for cylindrical surfaces comprise a clean cloth roll 1, a pressure means in the form of a wash roll 3, and a dirty cloth roll 2 which are all packaged in an independent cassette 4. A continuous cleaning cloth

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(not shown here) can be unwound from the clean cloth roll 1, as shown in U.S. Patent No. 6,694,879 DE 100-08-214 A1, and fed to the dirty cloth roll 2 via the wash roll 3. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 14, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The positioning unit 5 has carriages 6 which are arranged on side parts of the printing press, can be moved by means of pneumatic or hydraulic means transversely onto the cylindrical surface to be cleaned, can be moved away again from the latter, and on which a superstructure 7 is arranged to accommodate the cassette 4 in the form of two side walls 8, 9 which are connected via a crossmember 10. The cassette 4 is secured on the superstructure 7 or on the crossmember 10 in a working position by a bolt (not shown here). Furthermore, in the working position of the cassette 4, the supply of cloth on the clean cloth roll 1 can be monitored by sensing means (e.g. see, for example, U.S. Patent No. 5,894,800 DE 195-43-518 A1) which are moved into a functional position when the cassette 4 is slid in. --

Please delete page 11, in its entirety.

Please replace the abstract with the new abstract attached hereto on a separate page.

Page 12, change "Patent claims" to "What is claimed is"